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12 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
13 **CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

14 UNIVERSAL DYEING & PRINTING,  
15 INC.,

16 Plaintiff,

17 v.

18 LANE BRYANT, INC., a Delaware  
19 corporation; CHERRY STIX LTD., a  
20 Delaware corporation; CORNERSTONE  
21 APPAREL, INC., a California corporation;  
22 and DOES 1 through 10,

23 Defendants.

Case No.:

PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT FOR  
COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT

Jury Trial Demanded

24 UNIVERSAL DYEING & PRINTING, INC., by and through its undersigned  
25 attorneys, hereby prays to this honorable Court for relief based on the following:

26 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

27 1. This action arises under the Copyright Act of 1976, Title 17 U.S.C., § 101  
28 *et seq.*



1           9. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that at all times  
2 relevant hereto each of the Defendants was the agent, affiliate, officer, director,  
3 manager, principal, alter-ego, and/or employee of the remaining Defendants and was  
4 at all times acting within the scope of such agency, affiliation, alter-ego relationship  
5 and/or employment; and actively participated in or subsequently ratified and/or  
6 adopted each of the acts or conduct alleged, with full knowledge of all the facts and  
7 circumstances, including, but not limited to, full knowledge of each violation of  
8 Plaintiff's rights and the damages to Plaintiff proximately caused thereby.

9                           **CLAIMS RELATED TO DESIGN NO. UA 13710**

10           10. Plaintiff owns an original two-dimensional artwork used for purposes of  
11 textile printing entitled UA 13710 ("Subject Design") which has been registered with  
12 the United States Copyright Office.

13           11. Prior to the acts complained of herein, Plaintiff widely disseminated fabric  
14 bearing Subject Design to numerous parties in the fashion and apparel industries.

15           12. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that following its  
16 distribution of Subject Design, CHERRY STIX, LANE BRYANT,  
17 CORNERSTONE, DOE Defendants, and each of them distributed and/or sold fabric  
18 and/or garments featuring a design which is substantially similar to Subject Design  
19 (hereinafter "Subject Product") without Plaintiff's authorization, including but not  
20 limited to products sold

- 21                   a. under UPC No. 71796033597, Style No. NJ22044K, and bearing the  
22 label "no boundaries" and RN 54494, indicating that it was  
23 manufactured by or for CHERRY STIX.
- 24                   b. bearing the label "Lane Bryant" and RN 118640, indicating that it  
25 was manufactured by or for LANE BRYANT.
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c. under Style No. T4952L and bearing the label “Papaya” and RN 133121, indicating that it was manufactured by or for CORNERSTONE.

13. An image of Subject Design and an exemplar of Subject Product are set forth hereinbelow:

**Subject Design**



**Subject Product**



14. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants, and each of them, had access to Subject Design, including, without limitation, through (a) access to Plaintiff’s showroom and/or design library; (b) access to illegally distributed copies of Subject Design by third-party vendors and/or DOE Defendants, including without limitation international and/or overseas converters and printing mills; (c) access to Plaintiff’s strike-offs and samples, and (d) access to garments in the marketplace manufactured with lawfully printed fabric bearing Subject Design.

15. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that one or more of the Defendants manufactures garments and/or is a garment vendor. Plaintiff is

1 further informed and believes and thereon alleges that said Defendant(s), and each of  
2 them, has an ongoing business relationship with Defendant retailers, and each of  
3 them, and supplied garments to said retailers, which garments infringed Subject  
4 Design in that said garments were composed of fabric which featured unauthorized  
5 print designs that were identical or substantially similar to Subject Design, or were  
6 an illegal modification thereof.

7 16. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants, and  
8 each of them, infringed Plaintiff's copyright by creating, making and/or developing  
9 directly infringing and/or derivative works from Subject Design and by producing,  
10 distributing and/or selling Subject Products through a nationwide network of retail  
11 stores, catalogues, and through on-line websites.

12 17. Due to Defendants', and each of their, acts of infringement, Plaintiff has  
13 suffered damages in an amount to be established at trial.

14 18. Due to Defendants', and each of their, acts of copyright infringement as  
15 alleged herein, Defendants, and each of them, have obtained profits they would not  
16 otherwise have realized but for their infringement of Subject Design. As such,  
17 Plaintiff is entitled to disgorgement of Defendants', and each of their, profits  
18 attributable to the infringement of Subject Design in an amount to be established at  
19 trial.

20 19. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants, and  
21 each of them, have committed copyright infringement with actual or constructive  
22 knowledge of Plaintiff's rights such that said acts of copyright infringement were,  
23 and continue to be, willful, intentional and malicious.

24 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

25 Wherefore, Plaintiff prays for judgment as follows:

- 26 a. That Defendants—each of them—and their respective agents and  
27 servants be enjoined from importing, manufacturing, distributing,

1 offering for sale, selling or otherwise trafficking in any product that  
2 infringes Plaintiff's copyrights in Subject Design;

- 3 b. That Plaintiff be awarded all profits of Defendants, and each of them,  
4 plus all losses of Plaintiff, the exact sum to be proven at the time of trial,  
5 or, if elected before final judgment, statutory damages as available under  
6 the Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. § 101 et seq.;
- 7 c. That Plaintiff be awarded its attorneys' fees as available under the  
8 Copyright Act U.S.C. § 101 et seq.;
- 9 d. That Plaintiff be awarded pre-judgment interest as allowed by law;
- 10 e. That Plaintiff be awarded the costs of this action; and
- 11 f. That Plaintiff be awarded such further legal and equitable relief as the  
12 Court deems proper.

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14 Plaintiff demands a jury trial on all issues so triable pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P.  
15 38 and the 7<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the United States Constitution.

16 Dated: May 24, 2017

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